



Ministries Foundation Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, December 17, 2020; 8:30 – 10:00a.m.
Zoom Virtual Meeting

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In Attendance: Beth Bird; Brian Dillon; Anita S. Duckor; Kay Egan, CSJ; Suzanne Herder, CSJ; Alyssa Howells; Stacy Jacobson; Mary Lydon; Maya Missaghi; Brian Mullen; Roger Norris; Colleen O’Malley, CSJ; Gabrielle Rohde; Annie Sarver-Bodoh; Ralph Scorpio; Kristine (Kris) Smyth; Bridget Sperl; Jill Underdahl, CSJ; Jean Wincek, CSJ.

The Ministries Foundation Board of Directors meeting convened Thursday, December 17, 2020 via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by chair Bridget Sperl at 8:31a.m.

Bridget welcomed the newest Board member Maya Missaghi and said how glad the Board was to have her join us. Maya briefly introduced herself and said that she was very excited to join the Board.

Prayer: led by the Ministries Foundation (MF) staff.

Minutes: Bridget asked if there were any corrections or feedback to the minutes from October 15, 2020. Hearing no corrections, Roger Norris made a motion to approve the minutes with Brian Mullen seconding his motion. All agreed and the minutes were approved.

Status Report on Action Items from Previous Meeting

- Pursue videos to donors: MF staff still looking into this, hopefully by January.
- Personal review of donor list: Bridget encouraged people to look at the list again and let herself or Ralph Scorpio know who they could contact.
- Board will give input about Highland Bridge: there is no more conversation on this topic because the Sisters have decided not to join the Highland Bridge project.
- More thoughts/discussion about St. Joseph’s Hospital: Bridget said that after last meeting she went to visit the St. Joseph Hospital area and was humbled by the people she saw, and the need of the area.
- Additional questions and concerns about Bold Moves 2030: Suzanne Herder, CSJ, will give an update on this later in the meeting.

Board Goal Update

Bridget thanked the five Board members who have suggested new members and encouraged others to bring forward suggestions of individuals who would benefit the Board and be a good fit. So far about 53% of members have donated and attendance at meetings is good. The Board goals are in the portal and available for review at any time.

Executive Director’s Report

Ralph said that the Development Committee will give more of an update on fundraising, but as of now the MF has raised an impressive amount of money, but we cannot slow down our fundraising efforts.

Bold Moves 2030 is proceeding forward and interviews with Fox Advancement are ongoing. A meeting has been scheduled with the upper management of M Health Fairview to discuss plans about St. Joseph's Hospital and in January there will be an educational meeting with them and the Board. Ralph congratulated Stacy Jacobson for her great work with the Gala and he said the event will be virtual with potential opportunities for house parties among groups of guests. There were no questions.

Province Report

Suzanne introduced the Interfaith Action proposal to use the Provincial House as short-term housing for families experiencing homelessness. The Province Leadership Team has been in discussions with Interfaith Action and it has been decided that about 20-30 families will be able to live at the Provincial House. There will be two town hall meetings for the neighborhood to share opinions on the collaboration and ask questions. She stressed that it will not be a ministry and will start as a short-term agreement. M Health Fairview has contacted the Sisters to join a healthcare visioning group to help re-imagine St. Joseph's Hospital into a "healthcare hub" for the area. The Leadership Team hopes that it could serve as a model for other health systems in the area. Suzanne's understanding is that M Health Fairview will pay for a potential clinic site for St. Mary's Health Clinics (SMHC) with the hope that their interns can work there. Annie Sarver-Bodoh asked Suzanne who will cover the cost of any financial changes at the Provincial House with housing updates, etc. Suzanne said that Ramsey County will pay for any updates that are deemed necessary.

- Bold Moves 2030: Ralph, Bridget, and Suzanne have weekly meetings with the Fox Advancement team to be updated on their progress and to provide feedback/questions to the team from Community members. All the project information is included in the portal through the CSJ St. Paul website. Jean Wincek, CSJ, said that she is worried that Fox Advancement isn't using the information from the interviews to move toward an integrated report about the ministries that will include everyone in what the future will look like. She encouraged the Board to think about what our role is in influencing the ministries' future and said that it will be important for this Board to be more involved.

Committee Actions and Deep Dive

- Governance Committee
 - *Vote on Mark Richards*: Anita Duckor made a movement to vote on approving Mark Richards to the Board of Directors and Colleen O'Malley, CSJ, seconded her motion. All agreed and Mark will officially join the Ministries Foundation Board of Directors.
 - *Presentation of board candidates*:
 - Maria Bonnie and Steve Kenney: Mary Lydon put both names forward and endorsed both joining the Board. Steve and Maria are on the Finance Committee and have positively contributed. Anita thanked Mary for introducing them.
 - Monica Cruz Zorilla: Ralph said a few words about Monica, who was introduced to the MF by Sue Gehlsen. Monica serves on the SMHC Board and it has always been a goal to have a member on each Board. She works with the Mexican Consulate and does great work with the Latinx population. Ralph said that she is a great connection between the MF and SMHC and will strengthen our relationship.
 - All three candidates will be voted on at the February Board meeting.

- Bridget formerly thanked Jane for her service to the MF and stressed how much she will be missed.

Meeting Recap & Review

- Action Items
 - More conversation from Board about involvement with Bold Moves 2030 - Ralph and Suzanne.

Executive Session: the Board called an Executive Session at 9:33a.m.

Adjournment: the meeting adjourned at 10:00a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alyssa Howells, CSJ Ministries Foundation